

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – March 25, 2009
Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers - 2nd Floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by CHAIR Payne at 5:09 p.m.

Commissioners

Present:	Daniel Payne, CHAIR Rogenia Cox, VICE-CHAIR Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner	Absent:	Wayne Jones, Commissioner
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Staff

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager Housing and Community Development Erica Castaneda, Acting Recording Secretary	Absent:	Keith Bergthold, Interim Director Planning and Development Department
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B. COMMUNICATIONS

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 11, 2009 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPLICANTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Crystal Smith, Budget and Management Studies Division, provided the report to commissioners. Staff requests HCDC hold a public hearing for Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG). Applicants requested to present to HCDC the merits of their application and to hear from interested parties as to the proposed use of CDBG funds. The City of Fresno is the annual recipient of funding from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City has opened a Notice of Funding available for 7.5 million dollars of CDBG funding. The CDBG requests for funds this year totaled 23 million dollars. The public hearing provides for HCDC to prepare a ranked recommendation to the Mayor and City Council on the projects to be funded under the CDBG program. Commissioners heard physical improvement applications followed by public service applications. Staff has met regulatory requirements of the program; notified the public regarding public comment dates, determined applications are eligible use of funds, advised applicants of presentation parameters and the evaluation process of applications.

The following City departments and services agencies addressed HCDC in regards to their requests for the allocation of funds:

1. Robert N. Andersen, City of Fresno, Department of Public Utilities
2. David Rodriguez, Pinedale resident; Monsignor Rob Wenzinger, Pastor of St. Agnes Church, and Mary Gonzalez, City of Fresno, Department of Public Works
3. Scott Krauter, City of Fresno, Department of Public Works
4. Michael Despain, City of Fresno, Fire Department
5. Diane Carbray, Boys and Girls Club
6. Pam Rodrigues, City of Fresno, Planning & Development Dept., Housing & Community Development Division
7. Matthew Lopez and Bill Ross, Planning & Development Dept., Code Enforcement Division
8. Pamela Kallsen, Marjaree Mason Center
9. Stacie Hines, Fresno County EOC
10. John Shehady, Central Valley YMCA
11. Brooke Frost, Big Brothers Big Sisters

12. Phil Skei, Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership
13. Catherine Manfredo, Catholic Charities
14. Elaine Robles-McGraw, City of Fresno, Downtown & Community Revitalization Department
15. Elliot Balch, City of Fresno, Downtown & Community Revitalization Department
16. Pastor Michael Eanes, Christ Temple Community Center
17. Ann Vermel, Warnors Center
18. Jason Charalambides and Millie Marshall, Valley Center for the Blind
19. Nick Jones, Care Fresno (Commissioner Harrington recused himself during presentation)
20. Ken Quenzer, Boys and Girls Club
21. Randall Cooper, City of Fresno, Department of Parks, After School, Recreation & Community Services
22. Manuel Romero, Central California Legal Services
23. M.J. Borelli, Fair Housing Council
24. Martha Lucey, By Design
25. Keith Kelley, Fresno West Coalition
26. May Gnía Vang, United Way
27. Bob Solis, Centro La Familia Advocacy
28. Antonio Valtierra, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation
29. Stacie Hines, Fresno County EOC
30. Mickie Valentine, Joint Opportunities
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32. Cindy Orona Hernandez, Valley Center for the Blind
33. Susan Edington, Center for Independent Living
34. Ghia Xiong, Fresno Center for New Americans
35. Catherine Manfredo, Catholic Charities
36. Craig Scharton, City of Fresno, Downtown & Community Revitalization Department
37. Doreen Eley, Poverello House
38. Luciana Ventresca, Fresno Madera Continuum of Care
39. Stanley Tom, Valley Small Business Development
40. Jeremy Hofer, Fresno County EOC
41. Brooke Frost, Reading & Beyond
42. Nathan Magsig, CURE
43. Polly Parenti, Chinatown Revitalization

Public Comment followed (Brunette Harris, HEAT). Commissioners discussed scoring process for CDBG applications. There was no vote required for this item.

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. Application Scoring Criteria Forms are due to Crystal Smith by April 1, 2009.
2. Chair Payne reminded Commissioners to complete and return Form 700 by April 1, 2009 to City Clerk's office.
3. Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that a new Commissioner will be appointed before the April 8, 2009 meeting.

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **April 8, 2009.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Attest: Daniel Payne, CHAIR

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager
Housing and Community Development

